

Amendments to the Specification:

Amend the paragraph on page 38, lines 11-22, as follows:

Figure 5: Expression of ICBP-59 in diverse human tissues

We evaluated the level of expression of mRNA corresponding to ICBP59 in 50 different human tissues using an RNA dot blot. The blot was hybridised for 16 hours at 68°C with a cDNA (32P) radioactive probe of 679 bp in ExpressHyb (Clontech) hybridisation solution. After washing several times, we revealed the protein by autoradiography (one week exposure at 80°C). The tissues demonstrating the highest expression level were foetal and adult thymus, as well as adult bone marrow and foetal liver. Fig. 5a is a graph showing the 50 different human tissues using an RNA dot blot. Fig. 5b is the legend identifying the human tissue represented in the corresponding graph of Fig. 5a.